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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the following comments. As a result of the amendments listed above, Claims 26-36 remain pending. No claims have been amended. Claims 1-25 were canceled by a previous amendment.

In the changes made by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

A Terminal Disclaimer Is Filed Herewith To Obviate The Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 26-36 presently stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 12 and 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,308. Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to overcome the present rejection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney, Curtiss C. Dosier at (949) 721-7613 (direct line), to resolve such issue promptly.

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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